(c) In terms of the recommendations made by a Committee appointed by RBI to look into the recruitment methods and practices in the public sector banks, it has been decided to permit lateral mobility within banks in the senior/middle management levels by way of deputation in order to harness the talent available within the public sector banks.

(d) No specific recommendation has been made by the Ghosh Committee regarding grant of extension/second term to Chariman & Managing Directors of nationalised banks. The Chariman & Managing Directors of nationalised banks are appointed in accordance with the provisions contained in the relevant statutes governing the banks. They are appointed generally for a period of five years and they are normally considered for re-appointment for a further period of five years or upto their attaining the age of 60 years whichever is earlier. There are no directions of the Supreme Court on this issue.

Loan Sanctioned By IDBI

2689. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of loans sanctioned by the Industrial Development Bank of India has declined during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, yearwise;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that there was a significant increase in aggregate sanctions of IDBI from Rs. 12,287 crore in 1993-94 to Rs. 18,335 crore in 1994-95. However, the sanctions declined by 3.1% in 1995-96 and 4.2% in 1996-97. The sanctions and disbursements of IDBI during 1993-94 to 1996-97 are given below:

(Rs. Crore)

	Sanctions	Disbursements
1993-94	12287	8300
1994-95	18335	10711
1995-96	17796	10693
1996-97	17050	11439

(c) IDBI has reported that decline in sanctions during 1995-96 was mainly due to changes in business mix of IDBI. During 1994-95, a substantial part of the business (20%) was accounted for by bridge loans and short term products. During 1995-96, due to tight liquidity conditions and ban on bridge loans by RBI the aggregated sanctions registered a decline.

Further, the decline in sanctions during 1996-97, was largely due to subdued investment climate for large projects and decline in operations under non-project loans and capital market products.

(d) IDBI has reported that growth in sanctions under direct finance in the earlier years was led by sanctions to large projects in the newly-opened industrial sectors for private investment, viz. power, telecom, oil refining as also iron & steel. with large capacities already under implementation in the steel and oil refining sectors, there were few projects in these sectors seeking assistance during 1996-97. There are, however, a number of projects in the pipeline in the power and telecom sectors and it is expected that sanctions by IDBI for these sectors may pick up significantly. As for non-project finance, following larger allocation to financial institutions by RBI to raise short term resources, IDBI has introduced a new product to provide working capital finance to assisted units.

Mining Rights to Nippon

2690. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some irregularities in giving mining rights to Nippon Denro Ispat Ltd. group (NDIL) near the Bhadravati Ordnance Factory in Maharashtra in 1993 have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have enquired into the matter;

(d) if so, the particulars of the persons found guilty in this regard;

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken against them; and

(f) the measure taken or proposed to be taken to check such irregularities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Before a lease for mining coal can be granted by the State Government, the previous approval of the Central Government is required to be obtained under proviso to Section 5 (1) of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957. As the previous approval of the Central Government to the grant of the lease for coal mining in Baranj block near the Ordnance Factory, Chandrapur has not been accorded, the Government of Maharashtra could not have granted the lease or mining rights to the Central India Coal Company Limited (CICCO), a compony set up by the Nippon Denro Ispat Limited (NDIL) for mining of coal in Baranj block offered in October, 1993 to the company for captive consumption in Bhadravati Power Project to be set up by NDIL.

In April, 1997, Department of Defence Production & Supplies, Ministry of Defence, Government of India advised that the Centre for Environment and Explosive Safety had

expressed their apprehension in July, 1996 about the safety of the product of Ordnance Factory, Chandrapur caused by the proposed blasting in opencast coal mine in Baranj block offered to NDIL in October, 1993. On receipt of the advice, the Ministry of Defence was informed that coal mining in about 40 coal mines with a total reserve of about 1000 million tonnes is going on within a radius of 25 Kms. from the Ordnance Factory, Chandrapur for production of 18 million tonnes of coal per year for many years and that Ministry of Coal was not advised over the past three decades of any adverse effect of such mining activity on the Ordnance Factory. Ministry of Defence was also requested to inform the Ministry of Coal on the law prohibiting mining operations within a radius of 25 Kms. from Ordnance Factories. The response from Ministry of Defence is awaited.

(d) to (f) Do not arise in view of answer given to paras (a) and (b).

Unauthorised Tea Gardens in West Bengal

2691. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1603 dated the August 16, 1995 and state:

(a) the check maintained in respect of quality of tea being produced by unauthorised tea gardens in various districts of Darjeeling, Uttar Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri and Govebehar;

(b) whether due to the inferior quality of tea produced by such gardens bring bad name for our country in the International Market; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to check mushrooming of unauthorised tea gardens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) No complaint has been received by the Tea Board about production of inferior quality of tea in the gardens of West Bengal. All tea has to conform to specifications laid down in the prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

(c) Land and its use are regulated under laws made by the State Governments who enforce them and prevent misuse of land.

TWRF Scheme

2692. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of Regional Textile Commissioner, Amritsar vide D.O. No.8(331)/IND/Tex/ASR/ 169-70 dated June 17, 1993 regarding release of compensation to the victims of closed unit M/s Himachal Worsted Mills Ltd., Nalagarh under the TWRF scheme had stated that the compensation under the scheme will be released to these workers after the receipt of budget from the competent authority as the matter has been under consideration of the competent authority;

(b) if so, how the Government have stated in reply given to USQ No. 603 dated July 25, 1997 that the TWRF scheme has not been extended to the Government sector mills and the justification therefor;

(c) the action proposed against the officials found negligent in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to immediate release of payment to these affected workers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India operates the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) to provide interim relief to workers rendered jobless due to permanent/partial closure of the mills. The scheme has not so far been extended to Central and State Textile PSUs and this matter is still under consideration.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of the above.

Promotion of Officer who is Under CBI Investigation

2693. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) attention of the Govt. is invited to a news-item captioned "CBI soft pedals Sensitive Case" appeared in the Indian Express dated the June 30, 1997 and state:

(b) the circumstances under the named officer was promoted and posed at priced place when the CBI investigation were underway and findings thereof not yet completed;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed under the circumstances; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or being taken for its proper investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) The Officer referred to in the news item captioned "CBI soft pedals sensitive case" that appeared in the Indian Express dated the June 30, 1997 has not been promoted yet and posted to any place in higher position.

In view of above, the question of fixing of responsibility and action against those responsible for the alleged promotion of the officer referred to in the news-item does not arise.

Fifth Pay Commission Report

2694. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5030 dated May 7, 1997 and state:

(a) the punitive action taken against M/s. Bahari Brothers and Nabhi Publications for printing and publishing of Fifth pay Commission Report without permission of the Government;